

PRESS RELEASE
IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
(December 18, 2007)

Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

Lee. O. Fagre, M.D., a 52 year-old family physician from Waverly, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Board. On June 28, 2004, Dr. Fagre entered into a Physician Health Contract with the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP) and agreed to fully comply with all recommendations of the IPHP, including appropriate counseling and monitoring for substance abuse. On September 12, 2007, the IPHP concluded that Dr. Fagre violated the terms of his IPHP contract and referred the matter to the Board. On December 12, 2007, the Board charged Dr. Fagre with violating his IPHP contract and with substance abuse. A hearing is scheduled in this matter on February 7, 2008.

Richard P. Michaelson, M.D., a 48 year-old psychiatrist practicing in Muscatine, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. On August 11, 2006, Dr. Michaelson entered into a Physician Health Contract with the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP) due to alcohol dependence. Dr. Michaelson agreed to fully comply with all recommendations of the IPHP, including appropriate counseling and monitoring for substance abuse. On June 12, 2007, the IPHP concluded that Dr. Michaelson violated the terms of his IPHP contract and referred the matter to the Board. On July 18, 2007, the Board charged Dr. Michaelson with violating his IPHP contract and with substance abuse. On December 12, 2007, Dr. Michaelson entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve the disciplinary charges. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Michaelson was placed on indefinite probation subject to certain terms and conditions, including appropriate counseling and monitoring for substance abuse, and he was issued a public reprimand and ordered to pay a \$2,500 fine for violating the terms of his IPHP contract.

Dennis G. Miller, D.O., a 56 year-old family physician from Wellman, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Board. On December 12, 2007, the Board filed charges against Dr. Miller alleging that he engaged in drug and alcohol abuse and that he suffers from a mental health condition which impairs his medical practice. The Board also charged Dr. Miller with engaging in inappropriate prescribing practices and violating appropriate physician-patient boundaries. A hearing is scheduled in this matter on February 27, 2008.

Padmavathi V. Pagadala, M.D., a 40 year-old Iowa-licensed obstetrician and gynecologist from Moline, Illinois, had formal disciplinary charges filed against her by the Iowa Board. On December 12, 2007, the Board filed charges against Dr. Pagadala alleging that she failed to complete the necessary continuing medical education (CME) hours required for Iowa licensure and that she knowingly submitted a false report which indicated that she had completed the required CME. A hearing is scheduled in this matter on February 27, 2008.